

Transportation Safety Division Daily Situation Report (SITREP)

SITREP no. 10.0

Date updated: January 27, 2022 10:00 AM

Next Report: January 27, 2022 4:00 PAM

Situation to date: Convoy for Freedom Protest Preparation

Actions to date: Operational preparation

Actions to be completed:

- Details provided below

Other - Protest

The convoy is moving through the West, North West and Central Regions.

The planned convoy route with dates and times are posted at this website: [BearHug - \(canada-unity.com\)](https://bearhug-canada-unity.com)

The Convoy for Freedom has raised over \$6M through a GoFundMe page. [Fundraiser by Tamara Lich : Freedom Convoy 2022 \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-by-tamara-lich-freedom-convoy-2022) The GoFundMe organization has frozen the funds until the organizers can provide an appropriate plan for distribution of the funds, therefore additional monies may have been sent to the event organizer directly – amount unknown.

Media:

Online rhetoric may show some increased risk in rouge groups joining the convoy to Ottawa: [Trucker convoy: Experts say online talk getting dangerous | CTV News](https://www.ctvnews.ca/trucker-convoy-experts-say-online-talk-getting-dangerous-1.6101111)

Organizers of the Convoy for Freedom are not tolerating or supporting rhetoric from extremists: [Organizer behind anti-vaccine mandate convoy says it won't tolerate extremists as online rhetoric heats up | CBC News](https://www.cbc.ca/news/organizer-behind-anti-vaccine-mandate-convoy-says-it-won-t-tolerate-extremists-as-online-rhetoric-heats-up-1.6101111)

Convoy for Freedom Reporting:

Date:	Region	Events:	Notes - Operational Updates and Impacts
January 27, 2022	WEST	Windsor - Convoy began at 9am with approximately 330 vehicles reported. Sarnia – Convoy began at 9:00am with approximately 100 vehicles reported. Convoy time pushed back from 5:30am to 9am. Protesters on foot gathered at overpasses reported from Windsor to London at this time.	Convoy not impacting TISs MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. No issues reported directly linked to the convoy at this time.

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		Convoy from Windsor will continue through to Central Region while the convoy from Sarnia will meet a group in London at the Flying J Expected to be rolling departure from Drumbo between 1:30-2:30pm and move out of the region into central region departing Milton between 3-3:30pm	
January 27, 2022	CENTRAL	Convoy are on route to Central region in Vaughan Presently, there is a convoy moving on QEW Toronto Bound through Niagara Please note Inappropriate messaging is being displayed on some of the trucks on the convoy on Highway 401 through Toronto • Three (3) southern routes of the convoy will be traveling through Vaughan, Niagara, Windsor/Sarnia and surrounding areas on January 27th, 2022; • All three (3) routes will converge onto Highway 401 for the planned stop in Port Hope, Ontario for 1400hrs; • Niagara – Kingston route departs Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario at 0800hrs; • Windsor/Sarnia – Kingston route departs Drumbo, Ontario at 1100hrs • Toronto – Kingston route departs Vaughan Mills (Bass Pro) at 1200hrs Social Media Update at midnight Jan 26 stated: Barrie Truckers are meeting at the ONroute SB Innisfil @ 07:00hrs planning to leave by 09:00hrs and heading to Vaughan.	No known issues reported. MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. OPP to utilize MTO 1st floor boardroom (Traffic management Office) as Command Post on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 to coordinate activities due to the protest MTO Central Operations will provide a representative to attend and provide any assistance required Maintenance team informed and prepared for convoy's arrival. No impact to operations at present. OD Staff have noticed more than usual number of trucks with their strobe lights on and/or flying the Canada flag on Highway 401 through Toronto, although they are not driving in convoy.

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		It also states there may be a presence of supporters at/on overpasses from Innisfil South to Vaughan Supporters reported on overpasses along the route from Niagara.	
January 27, 2022	EAST	Convoy anticipated in East Region starting January 27-29, 2022.	MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. Maintenance team informed and preparing for convoy.
January 27, 2022	NORTHEAST	Convoy anticipated in Northeast region January 27, 2022. Highway 17, which is the expected route for the convoy, is currently closed from White River to Batchawana Bay due to weather.	MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. OPP has reached out to request assistance with traffic management in North Bay on Friday. Ministry maintenance contractor has been made aware of planned route to plan accordingly. Contractor will contact staff when convoy enters NE region.
January 27, 2022	NORTHWEST	Convoy arrived in Thunder Bay January 26 at 18:30. Evening of January 26, 2022, Arthur St. TIS had some protestors stopped and parked at the TIS, complied with officer request to keep lane open, no issues. Convoy has assembled and departed Thunder Bay, travelling through Highway 11/17 (Harbour Expressway) to Highway 61, then continuing eastbound on Highway 11/17. Intersection of Highway 11/17 and 61 is temporarily blocked by OPP for convoy to travel through safely (08:40)	No impact on TIS. TISs are staffed, however remain closed during the convoy. MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. OPP have temporarily blocked the intersection of Highway 11/17 and 61 for convoy to travel through safely.

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		Approximately 600 vehicles. Thunder Bay Police issued a traffic advisory for Highway 130 to Arthur St. to Thunder Bay Expressway.	NWR OD has connected with OPP and winter maintenance contractor. TOC has provided updates since the convoy entered Ontario.
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